

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Plover Iowa 50573
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Docket No: A2012-92

Allan & Karen Minkler, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Plover post office. The Final Determination was posted 12-09-2011.
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

This is in response to your letter I
received on January 9, 2012.

I believe we are being unjustly targeted
and discriminated against because we (Plover,
Iowa) haven't had a Postmaster made available
to us for 14 years. And that was one reason we
are targeted for closure.

This post office is the heart of our

community. It is a place to put up notices of community events, catch up on news, and let others know what the needs of others are. It is also the lifeline to many elderly in our community.

Many use the mail to bring medical devices and medications to them. It is a way to be sure our citizens are ok; (a way to check on elderly).

With no post office to attract residents and facilitate business, our small community will simply cease to exist.

Wouldn't it make more sense to close branch post offices in urban areas; and save more money than to close a rural post office that has already made many sacrifices? As I stated in my first letter we have made many sacrifices already. When is the postal service going to make a sacrifice for us the rural areas.

Thank You

Karen Minkler